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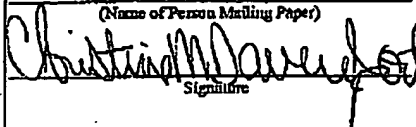
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TITLE: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
OPENING OF CONTAINERS)

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated February 14, 2006, applicant responds as follows:

I hereby certify that the attached correspondence is being transmitted by facsimile to the Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on April 14, 2006, via transmission to facsimile number (571) 273-8300.
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